

The Special Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Don Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Wheeler, Keolker and Chester. Councilmember's Slater and McDaniel were absent the entire meeting.

**TOPIC OF DISCUSSION – Kelso City Council Candidates Interviews**

Mayor Gregory announced that the Council vacancy occurred due to the resignation of Kathleen Johnson who was elected County Commissioner.

Each candidate had been set up at half-hour intervals for interviews. Since four of the five candidates were present at 6:30 P.M. the Mayor invited them to come forward and sit in a panel setting so that the Council could ask them questions.

Present were: David Futchter, Terrace (Terry) Sillik, Michael McCoy, Vincent O'Rourke and James Wallace Rogers II. Mayor Gregory invited the four candidates to gather around the table in a panel like setting.

The City Council began questioning the candidates.

Candidate Vincent O'Rourke arrived around 7PM. The Mayor invited Mr. O'Rourke to join the others at the table or wait and be interviewed on his own. Mr. O'Rourke chose to be interviewed later.

At 8:38 P.M. the Council recessed into Executive Session to deliberate the candidate interviews.

**At the conclusion of the Executive Session at approximately 9:04 P.M. the Council reconvened into Special Council Session.**

Mayor Gregory instructed the City Clerk to hand out paper to each Councilmember and asked them to vote for their choice. At the conclusion the City Clerk was instructed to collect the ballots and announce the winner. It was unanimous for David Futchter.

Mr. Futchter was congratulated and will be sworn in at the next Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 18 - 7:00 P.M. to fill the unexpired term of Kathleen Johnson. The Council thanked all candidates present and encouraged them to apply for open positions on the various Boards and Commissions.

There being no further business, Councilmember Keolker moved, seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Meeting be adjourned at 9:10 P.M.,' motion carried, all voting Yes.

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MAYOR

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CLERK